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FOLLOWING IS FULL TEXT OF RESOLUTION ON INSTITUTIONAL  
ARRANGEMENTS (ITEM 13) AS RECONSTRUCTED FROM USDELS  
NOTES. TEXT WILL BE CONFIRMED APRIL 21 WITH SECRETARIAT.

QUOTE

A. REVIEW OF INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR INTERNATIONAL  
ENVIRONMENTAL COOPERATION.

THE GOVERNING COUNCIL,

RECALLING THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY BY ITS RESOLUTION 2997  
(XXVII) DECIDED TO REVIEW AS APPROPRIATE AT ITS THIRTY-  
FIRST SESSION, THE INTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR INTER-  
NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL COOPERATION,  
TAKING NOTE OF THE REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON  
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TAKING ACCOUNT OF THE VIEWS OF GOVERNMENTS AS EXPRESSED

IN WRITING TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND THE INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS HELD IN NAIROBI ON 28 AND 29 JANUARY 1976, ALL OF WHICH VIEWS ARE REFLECTED IN THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT, DECIDES TO ADVISE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THROUGH THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL, THAT IN ITS VIEW THE INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL COOPERATION CONTAINED IN RESOLUTION 2997 (XXVII) - THAT IS THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME, THE ENVIRONMENT SECRETARIAT, THE ENVIRONMENT FUND, AND THE ENVIRONMENT COORDINATION BOARD - APPEAR, AFTER LESS THAN FOUR YEARS OPERATION, ADEQUATE AND SOUND, AND THAT THEREFORE THEY SHOULD NOT BE CHANGED AT THIS STAGE,

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NOTWITHSTANDING THIS DECISION, THE GOVERNING COUNCIL, RECOGNIZING THAT THERE IS NEVERTHELESS SCOPE FOR IMPROVED METHODS OF WORKING WITHOUT ALTERING THE ESTABLISHED INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS,

1. DECIDED THAT, WHILE CONTINUING TO MEET ANNUALLY, IT DOCUMENT UNEP/GC/75, PARTS I AND II

THE GOVERNING COUNCIL WILL CONSIDER IN ADOPTING ITS AGENDA FOR ITS NEXT AND SUBSEQUENT SESSIONS PHASING ITEMS SO THAT SOME ISSUES ARE DEALT WITH AT LENGTH ONLY AT ALTERNATE SESSIONS;

2. FURTHER DECIDES THAT, WHEN CONSIDERING REQUESTS TO THE SECRETARIAT, DUE REGARD WILL BE GIVEN TO IMPLICATIONS OF SUCH REQUESTS FOR THE EFFICIENCY OF THE WORK OF THE COUNCIL AND THE SECRETARIAT;

3. REAFFIRMS ITS VIEW THAT UNEP SHOULD AVOID INVOLVEMENT IN ANY NEW LONG TERM ACTIVITIES OF A PRIMARILY EXECUTIVE CHARACTER WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL;

4. TAKES NOTE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S INTENTION TO SUBMIT TO THE GOVERNING COUNCIL AT ITS FIFTH SESSION PROPOSALS FOR A MODEST INCREASE IN STAFF, WITHOUT DEPARTING FROM THE PRINCIPLE OF A SMALL SECRETARIAT;

5. NOTES WITH APPRECIATION THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S EFFORTS TO BRING ABOUT A BETTER BALANCE IN THE FUND PROGRAMME, FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF THE SIZE

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OF PROJECTS, THE PARTICIPATION OF COOPERATING AGENCIES AND SUPPORTING INSTITUTIONS AND THE EXECUTION OF INTERNAL PROJECTS, AND NATIONAL, REGIONAL AND GLOBAL PROJECTS;

6. ENDORSES THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S VIEWS ABOUT THE CATALYTIC FUNCTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT FUND AND HENCE THE NEED FOR A CLOSE ASSOCIATION BETWEEN THE FUND AND THE BUREAU OF THE PROGRAMME;

7. TAKES NOTE OF THE REPORTS OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

AND THE ENVIRONMENT COORDINATION BOARD, WHICH DEMONSTRATE THAT THE BOARD IS ALREADY A USEFUL INSTRUMENT OF PROGRAMME COORDINATION WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL FIELD, AND OF THE LANS OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND THE BOARD TO DEVELOP FURTHER THIS ASPECT OF THE BOARD'S WORK;

B. POSSIBLE RESTRUCTURING OF THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC SECTORS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM.

THE GOVERNING COUNCIL,

RECALLING ITS MANDATE IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 2997 (XXVII),

RECALLING FURTHER THAT GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 3362 (S-VII) ESTABLISHED AN AD HOC COMMITTEE ON THE RESTRUCTURING OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SECTORS OF THE UNITED NATONS SYSTEM, AND THAT COMMITTEE WILL REPORT, THROUGH THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL, TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS THIRTY-FIRST SESSION,

TAKING NOTE OF THE REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON THE REVIEW OF THE INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR INTER-NATONAL ENVIRONMENTAL COOPERATION<sup>2</sup>,

TAKING ACCOUNT OF THE VIEWS OF GOVERNMENTS AS EXPRESSED IN WRITING TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND AT THE INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS HELD IN NAIROBI ON 28 AND 29 JANUARY 1976, ALL OF WHICH VIEWS ARE REFLECTED IN THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT,

<sup>2</sup> DOCUMENT UNEP/GC/75, PART III, PARA. 92-109.

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BELIEVING THAT ITS VIEWS SHOULD BE FRAMED WITHIN THE CONFINES OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS AND RECOGNIZING THAT THE AD HOC COMMITTEE, THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL, AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HAVE A BROADER MANDATE TO REVIEW THE ENTIRE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SECTORS OF THE UNITED NATIONS, DECIDES TO RECOMMEND TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THROUGH THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL, THAT WHATEVER MAY BE DECIDED ABOUT RESTRUCTURING THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SECTORS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM, THE FOLLOWING ELEMENTS RELATING TO THE PLACE OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS WITHIN THE SYSTEM SHOULD BE OBSERVED, STRENGTHENED AND GIVEN INSTITUTIONAL VISIBILITY; THUS THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM SHOULD MAINTAIN WITHIN A CLEARLY IDENTIFIED INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENT FOCUSED ON THE ESSENTIAL CATALYTIC AND COORDINATING ROLE OF THE SYSTEM IN THE FIELD OF THE ENVIRONMENT, THE CAPACITY TO:

- (A) TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES OF A GLOBAL NATURE;
  - (B) PROVIDE GUIDANCE AND LEADERSHIP IN INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS;
  - (C) OFFER SUITABLE FORUMS AND FACILITIES FOR TREATY-MAKING IN THE FIELD OF THE ENVIRONMENT AT THE GLOBAL
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AND REGIONAL LEVELS;

- (D) IDENTIFY, THROUGH THE PROGRAMMATIC APPROACH, EMERGING ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS AND PROPOSE SOLUTIONS;
- (E) MANAGE A SEPARATE ENVIRONMENT FUND AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE PROGRAMMATIC PROCESS;
- (F) ADVOCATE AND ARTICULATE THE INTERDEPENDENCE OF ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT;
- (G) RESPOND TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS OF BOTH DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES;
- (H) RESPOND TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS, WHICH ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE HUMAN ENVIRONMENT;

C. REVIEW OF THE INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

THE GOVERNING COUNCIL,

AWARE THAT HABITAT: THE UNITED NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS TO BE HELD AT VANCOUVER IN MAY AND JUNE 1976 WILL CONSIDER RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE FUTURE ORGANIZATION OF INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM FOR HUMAN SETTLEMENTS, TAKING NOTE OF THE REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON THE REVIEW OF INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR INTERNATIONAL

ENVIRONMENTAL COOPERATION 3';

TAKING ACCOUNT OF THE VIEWS EXPRESSED AT THE INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS HELD IN NAIROBI ON 28 AND 29 JANUARY 1976, WHICH ARE REFLECTED IN THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT, 3' DOCUMENT UNEP/GC/75, PART III, PARAS, 110-117.

AND OF THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY THE GOVERNING COUNCIL AT ITS VARIOUS SESSIONS,

1. INVITES WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE RESULTS OF THE HABITAT CONFERENCE THE DELEGATIONS PARTICIPATING IN THE HABITAT CONFERENCE TO TAKE THE FOLLOWING INTO ACCOUNT WHEN CONSIDERING THE INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR HUMAN SETTLEMENTS WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM;  
(A) THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON THE HUMAN ENVIRONMENT HELD AT STOCKHOLM IN JUNE 1972 PROCLAIMED THAT BOTH ASPECTS OF MAN'S ENVIRONMENT, THE NATURAL AND THE MAN-MADE, WERE ESSENTIAL TO HIS WELL-BEING AND TO THE ENJOIMENT OF BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS, EVEN THE RIGHT TO LIFE ITSELF. THE FIRST RECOMMENDATION OF THE CONFERENCE EMPHASIZES THAT THE PLANNING, IMPROVEMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF RURAL UNCLASSIFIED

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AND URBAN SETTLEMENTS DEMANDED AN APPROACH, AT ALL LEVELS, EMBRACING EVERY ASPECT OF THE HUMAN ENVIRONMENT, BOTH NATURAL AND MAN-MADE,

(B) THE LINKAGE BETWEEN THE MAN-MADE ENVIRONMENT AND THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT IS OF PRIME IMPORTANCE, AND THEIR INTERRELATIONSHIP MUST BE CONSIDERED IN ALL FORUMS DEALING WITH INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN ORDER TO ENSURE THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF ALL PEOPLES;

2. INVITES THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS TO PRESENT TO THE HABITAT CONFERENCE SPECIFIC OPTIONS REGARDING INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS, BASED UPON TECHNICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE STUDIES.

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